

# Metrolina Recycling Center

When you put a plastic water bottle, aluminum can, or piece of paper into a recycling container, have you ever thought about where it goes next? Mecklenburg County recyclables are brought to a facility close to downtown Charlotte called The Metrolina Recycling Center. This facility processes the wide range of materials obtained from the single-stream collection in residential, schools and commercial recycling programs in Mecklenburg and neighboring counties.

Recyclables brought to the facility are sorted and prepared for market. After further processing, these recyclables are turned into new products. Although the facility and the processing equipment are owned by the County, the facilities day-to-day operations are managed by a third party vendor with vast experience running Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs) such as the Metrolina Recycling Center.

The Metrolina Recycling Center currently processes approximately 400 tons per day, operating five days a week. Approximately 100,000 tons of recyclable materials processed annually.

## Tours

Free tours can be arranged and the content is tailored to fit the age group. Many County schools from elementary to high school levels schedule a yearly visit. The facility has an Environmental Education Center furnished with the latest audio-visual equipment, including a remote control camera that allows visitors a safe and comfortable view of all the operational activities of the facility.

Virtual presentations are available by emailing [solidwaste@mecknc.gov](mailto:solidwaste@mecknc.gov).

**Visit [WipeOutWaste.com](http://WipeOutWaste.com) to see videos of the Metrolina Recycling Facility in action!**

